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in agriculture and agricultural products, 1940 and  
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SIR:

I transmit herewith a special compilation from the Census of Agriculture Reports of the Sixteenth Decennial Census entitled "Ranking Agricultural Counties." The study is concerned with the rank of the leading counties in the United States in selected items of agriculture and agricultural products, 1940 and 1939, with comparisons for 1930 and 1929.

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